

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method of achieving a permanent stone-wash effect on a denim textile fabric prepared by interweaving a cotton warp yarn and a natural white cotton weft yarn fibre material, in which the cotton warp yarn is impregnated with a naphtholate during a sizing treatment and then interwoven with the natural white cotton weft yarn, a colour is then developed on the fabric with the addition of a diazo salt, and the dyed fabric is made up and the made up article is then after-treated with a stone-wash finish.

2-6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the stone-wash finish is achieved during washing with stones or sand.

8. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the stone-wash finish is produced by enzymatic after-treatment.

9. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which, following the stone-wash finish, a further dye is applied to the dyed and after-treated fabric.

10. (original): A method according to claim 9, in which the application of colour is effected by dyeing or spraying.

11. (previously presented): A method according to claim 9, in which the application of colour yields a colour shade that is different from the base colour obtained with the naphthol dye.

12-13. (canceled).